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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

I, Rinaldo Hüslér, the undersigned, states:

That I received a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1976 from University of Basel.

That I am employed by Ciba Corporation and have been employed by Ciba Corporation since 1976;

That I invented the subject matter disclosed but not claimed in PCT application no. WO 03/040076 related to the preparations of alpha-hydroxy ketones comprising the steps:

- a) reaction of diphenylmethane with an acid halide of formula $R_1R_2CH-COHal$ and, optionally, further reaction with an acid halide of formula $R_3R_4CH-COHal$ in the presence of a Friedel-Crafts catalyst, whereupon an isomeric mixture of claimed formula A is obtained,
- b) bromination and hydrolysis of the isomeric mixture of formula A, whereupon an isomeric mixture of claimed formula B is obtained.

Furthermore, that I relied on these inventions to conceive or invent the photoinitiator preparations of the application above.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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